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Wasatch County Honors Soldiers in Dedication of Road and Memorial Hill.

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HEBER.—Armistice day exercises in Wasatch county marked the culmination of a five-year campaign in the dedication of Memorial hill, about two and one-half miles from Heber and on the city limits of Midway.

Memorial hill is a mound more or less semispherical, which rises about 300 feet above the valley floor. Five years ago Lockhart post No. 23 of the American Legion inaugurated a movement to have it suitably improved, and to have a memorial placed on top of it. The legion purchased the land and started to build an automobile highway to the top.

Heavy rock work was encountered, and the roadway was at that time only about one-third completed. The project, however, had aroused community interest on account of its unusual nature and its scenic possibilities. A group of citizens requested the county to lend financial aid in carrying out the legion's plans. The board found itself without authority to do this, and a law was passed by the following legislature permitting a maximum levy of one-half mill by counties for such purposes.

Monument Result of Work And Heavy Expense.

Wasatch county commissioners have made such a levy twice, and the completed memorial today is the result.

Detailed arrangements have been in the hands of a committee, with D. A. Broadbent as chairman, Miss Lula Clegg as secretary and the following members: J. E. McMullin, representing Heber; George R. Carlile, Charleston; J. W. Boyden, Wallsburg; L. J. Howe, Daniels; Ray Mahoney, Center; Thomas Morris, Keetley, and Sumner Hatch, the legion and Heber chamber of commerce.

The contract was let to the Capital Brass company for the monument, and Mrs. Leigh Block Turner of Salt Lake is architect and designer.

The roadway leading to the top of the hill circles it three times and is one and one-quarter miles long. At the entrance to the roadway are two posts of cobble masonry, surmounted by illuminated glass globes. Bronze tablets designate the name of the hill.

Surmounting the hill is a concrete circular base forty feet in diameter, surrounded by a wall, with flights of steps on two sides. In the center of this area is a circular pedestal, from which rises a hexagonal shaft four feet in diameter and thirty-two feet high, above which rises a flagpole another thirty feet. On six bronze tablets adorning the sides of the shaft are inscribed in raised letter the names of the veterans of all wars who have resided in Wasatch county. Six flood lights at the base illuminate the monument at night. The monument cost \$3500, and the total expenditure for the Memorial hill area will run between \$12,500 and \$15,000.

Mother Who Lost Two Sons Does Honors.

Possibly 1500 persons from all parts of the county assembled at Memorial hill Monday for the dedication exercises, which were in charge of Harold Stevens, commander of the legion post. Mothers of the men killed in the world war were guests of honor. Music was by the Wasatch high school band, and songs of the civil war, the Spanish-American war and the world war were sung by the audience, under the leadership of Hugh Harvey.

Mrs. D. A. Lockhart, mother of the first two boys from Wasatch county to be killed in the world war, unveiled the monument. President Emeritus G. H. Brimhall of Brigham Young university offered the dedicatory prayer.

Mr. Hatch gave a historical sketch of the monument. The Indian War Veterans fife and drum corps played in honor of their comrades whose names are included among the 350 inscribed on the monument, and George A. Fisher of Keetley, orator of the day, eulogized the heroes honored on the monument and dwelt on the significance of Armistice day. Mayor H. Clay Cummings of Heber offered the closing prayer.

A dance at Heber at night concluded the celebration.

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